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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yamazaki, et al. Art Unit : 1765
Serial No.: 09/304,523 Examiner : D. Champagne
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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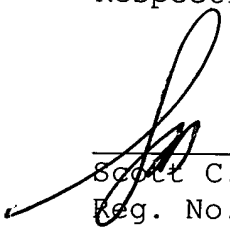
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Respectfully submitted,

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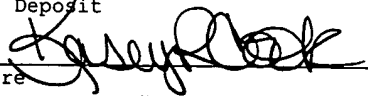
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the action mailed August 30, 2000, please
amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 31-36 and 45-46.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above reference
application is requested.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 7-30 and 37-44 will
remain in the application.

The indication that claims 25-30 and 43-44 are allowed is
appreciatively noted.

Section 103 rejections

Pending claims 7-24 and 37-42 were rejected under 35 USC
103(a) as being allegedly obvious over Imahashi et al. (US
5,413,958) in view of Celler et al. (US 4,406,709).

Applicants teach irradiating a substrate with a linear
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